



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

62nd Airlift Wing
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CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT RONALD J. HERNANDEZ

Chief Master Sergeant Ronald J. Hernandez is the command chief master sergeant, 62nd Airlift Wing, McChord Air Force Base, Wash. He is the primary adviser to the commander on all matters affecting the quality, welfare, morale, management and leadership of over 3,200 enlisted airmen. He is the principal adviser and assistant to the wing commander on all enlisted issues. His responsibilities include keeping the commander apprised of all matters affecting the health, morale and welfare of assigned enlisted personnel.

Chief Hernandez was born May 21, 1958, in Montebello, Calif., and entered the Air Force in July 1976. Following technical training, he had assignments with base communications squadrons in the United States and a combat communications group in Germany. He served as an air traffic control radar maintenance repairman, quality control inspector and noncommissioned officer in charge, radar maintenance. In 1991, he cross-trained into the first sergeant career field, supporting aerial port, aircraft maintenance and security forces squadrons.



EDUCATION:

- 1977 Honor Graduate, Air Traffic Control Radar Repair Technical Training, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.
- 1979 USAF NCO Orientation Course-NCO PME Phase 1, Beale Air Force Base, Calif.
- 1981 USAF Supervisors Course-NCO PME Phase 2, Beale Air Force Base, Calif.
- 1982 NCO Leadership School, Air Force Communications Command, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.
- 1989 NCO Academy, Air Force Communications Command, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.
- 1991 USAF First Sergeant Academy, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.
- 1995 Distinguished graduate, Senior NCO Academy, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1999 Associates of applied science in electronic systems technology, Community College of the Air Force
- 1999 Associates of applied science in personnel administration, Community College of the Air Force

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. November 1977–September 1982, air traffic control radar specialist, 1883rd Communications Squadron, Beale Air Force Base, Calif.
2. December 1982–December 1984, air traffic control systems maintenance specialist, quality control inspector, Headquarters, 1st Combat Communication Group, Lindsey Air Station, Germany
3. January 1985–December 1989, air traffic control radar repairman, assistant noncommissioned officer air traffic control radar maintenance, noncommissioned officer air traffic control radar maintenance, 2192nd Communications Squadron, Loring Air Force Base, Maine

4. January 1990–January 1991, noncommissioned officer air traffic control radar maintenance, 2064th Communications Squadron, Shemya Air Force Base, Alaska
5. February 1991–August 1995, first sergeant, 7th Mobile Aerial Port Squadron, 62nd Aerial Port Squadron, McChord Air Force Base, Wash.
6. September 1995–September 1998, first sergeant, 86th Maintenance Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
7. September 1998–January 2001, first sergeant, 91st Security Forces Squadron, Minot Air Force Base, N.D.
8. January 2001–June 2003, command chief master sergeant, 42nd Air Base Wing, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
9. June 2003 – present, command chief master sergeant, 62nd Airlift Wing, McChord Air Force Base, Wash.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Good Conduct Medal with seven oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

1992 First Sergeant of the Year, 62nd Airlift Wing
1993 First Sergeant of the Year, 62nd Airlift Wing
1996 First Sergeant of the Year, 86th Airlift Wing
1996 First Sergeant of the Year, 3rd Air Force
1999 Lance P. Sijan USAF Leadership Award winner, Senior NCO category, 91st Space Wing
1999 First Sergeant of the Year, 91st Space Wing

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Airman, Jan. 23, 1977
Airman First Class, July 23, 1977
Senior Airman, below the zone, Dec. 1, 1978
Sergeant, Dec. 1, 1979
Staff Sergeant, Oct. 1, 1981
Technical Sergeant, April 1, 1986
Master Sergeant, March 1, 1991
Senior Master Sergeant, Jan. 1, 1996
Chief Master Sergeant, June 1, 2000

(Current as of June 2003)